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SUBJ: URGENT NEED IN PANAMA FOR SULFUR TRIOXIDE

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1. NEAR DEPLETION OF SUPPLIED OF SULFUR TRIOXIDE AT PANAMA'S TWO PRINCIPAL DETERGENT PLANTS THREATENS THEIR IMMINENT SHUTDOWN. PLANT BELONGING TO PANAMA BOSTON, S.A. (PABO) WILL CLOSE JULY 1. IN LETTER OF FEBRUARY 8, DUPONT (DELAWARE) ACCEPTED PABO ORDER FOR 100 DRUMS AND LATER CONFIRMED SHIPMENT APRIL 27. WHEN SHIPMENT FAILED ARRIVE ON DESIGNATED SHIP, PABO CALLED DUPONT FOR ADVICE. LATTER CITED PRODUCTION PROBLEMS AND PROMISED SHIPMENT SOON AFTER MAY 20. SUBSEQUENT DUPONT CABLES POSTPONED DELIVERY TO JUNE AND, FINALLY, TO LATE 1974.

2. CHRONIC SHORT SUPPLY AND INCREASING COSTS OF DETERGENTS AND OTHER PRODUCTS IN PANAMA ARE BEING USED BY NEW PANAMA SUPPLY COMMISSION AS GROUNDS FOR INTERVENTION IN IMPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS. IN VIEW OF IMPLICATIONS OF THIS TREND, WE HOPE USDOC CAN, IN THIS CASE, LOCATE SOURCES FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES SULFUR TRIOXIDE NEEDED TO KEEP PABO IN OPERATION.

3. TRADE OPPORTUNITY (P0053 REF B) CABLED TODAY OUTLINES PABO REQUIREMENT FOR ABOUT 45 TONS MONTHLY. EARLIER, EMBASSY SUGGESTED PABO TRY STAUFFER AND CITIES SERVICE WHICH LISTED THOMAS REGISTER AS SUPPLIERS. PABO APPROACH TO STAUFFER

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